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## Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue District Referendum Special Election Information

**Lee County, FL (May 14, 2019)** The Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue District will hold a Referendum Special Election on June 4, 2019 for eligible voters who reside in their district.

Early Voting will be at East County Regional Library, 881 Gunnery Rd. N, Lehigh Acres FL 33971, from Tuesday, May 28, 2019 through Saturday, June 1, 2019, daily 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

There is still time to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot before the 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 29, 2019 deadline. Voters may call (239) LEE-VOTE (533-8683) or visit [www.lee.vote](http://www.lee.vote). Sample Ballots are available at [www.lee.vote](http://www.lee.vote)

Voters may find their Sample Ballot and Election Day Precinct information on our website, [www.lee.vote](http://www.lee.vote).

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**Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Florida to Join the Electronic Registration Information Center to Enhance Election Security & Ensure Accurate Voter Rolls**

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced that Florida will join the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) as part of his administration's ongoing efforts to enhance the security and integrity of Florida's elections. By joining ERIC, Florida will be able to crosscheck voter registration data with 29 other member states in order to identify duplicate registrations and outdated records from voters who have moved or passed away, leading to cleaner and more accurate voter registration rolls.

"One of my administration's top priorities is protecting the integrity of Florida's elections, which is why joining ERIC is the right thing to do for our state as it will ensure our voter rolls are up-to-date and it will increase voter participation in our elections," said Governor DeSantis. "Since taking office, we have been reviewing this issue with Supervisors of Elections. We are confident that by improving the accuracy of our voter rolls, we will reduce the potential for voter fraud."

In addition to enhancing the accuracy of voter rolls, ERIC also improves voter registration by providing information for member states to contact potentially eligible but unregistered voters with instructions on how to register to vote. The outreach to potentially eligible voters is conducted every two years ahead of each federal general election.

"I want to thank Governor DeSantis for his support of Florida joining ERIC," said Secretary of State Laurel M. Lee. "From election security to voter registration, Governor DeSantis has taken action to put Florida in the best posture possible for safe and secure elections with accurate voter registration rolls and minimal voter fraud."

"Supervisors of Elections have long advocated for Florida to join ERIC as it is an incredible tool to help ensure our voter rolls are accurate," said Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections President Tammy Jones. "On behalf of all Supervisors, I thank Governor DeSantis for his tremendous leadership on this issue."

Since taking office, Governor DeSantis has made securing Florida's elections and protecting voter information a top priority. At the Governor's direction, Secretary Lee is currently working with all 67 county Supervisors of Elections on a Joint Election Security Initiative that will identify any weaknesses or vulnerabilities in Florida's elections infrastructure. Additionally, Governor DeSantis supported the redistribution of more than \$2.3 million in election security grants to Supervisors of Elections.

Today's announcement follows Governor DeSantis' directive to initiate a review of elections systems security and cybersecurity throughout the state in order to ensure Florida's elections infrastructure at the state and local level is protected. The DOS and Florida's 67 County Supervisors of Elections are also engaged in a cooperative cybersecurity initiative ahead of the 2020 election.

Additionally, Governor DeSantis recently supported the redistribution of \$2.3 million in unexpended funds to Supervisors of Elections to support their continued efforts to enhance election security. This was in addition to the \$2.8 million appropriated by the Florida Legislature for the upcoming fiscal year. In total, the state provided \$5.1 million for elections cybersecurity as we head into 2020.

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## Florida Supervisors of Elections to Offer Scholarship Opportunities in 2020

**Lee County, FL (November 1, 2019)** The Florida Supervisors of Elections (FSE) is proud to once again offer scholarship opportunities to students from around the state. Three scholarships in the amount of \$1,200 will be awarded to each winning student at the 2020 FSE Summer Conference in May.

To be eligible for the FSE Scholarship the student applicant shall:

- 1. Be either a Political Science/Public or Business Administration or Journalism/Mass Communication major.
- 2. Be a citizen of the United States.
- 3. Have been a bona fide resident of Florida for two years preceding the academic year for which an application is made.
- 4. Be enrolled or accepted as a full-time student in a senior college or university in Florida. No postgraduate or second-degree students.

- 5. Have finished two years of junior college or undergraduate work (enough credits for enrollment as a junior).
- 6. Submit two current letters of recommendation: one from the college or university last attended or graduated from; and one from a citizen of good standing in the community.
- 7. Submit a resume of your high school and/or college activities as well as what you have done for your community.
- 8. Demonstrate a financial need and furnish a financial statement, which shows what your own contribution is to your educational expenses. (Student does not have to submit an official form, can just send a statement of their financial need.)
- 9. Have maintained a “C” average or above for the previous year.
- 10. Be available for personal interview by the Supervisor of Elections in the county **where you are registered to vote.**
- 11. BE REGISTERED TO VOTE. (Written verification required by the Supervisor submitting an application where you are registered to vote.)

The Scholarship must be given to a student attending a Florida university or college, which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, with the stipulation that the scholarship check will be made payable to the winning applicant and to the school which they will be attending.

The student must apply in accordance with all eligibility requirements. Failure to do so could result in non-consideration. The scholarship recipient must continue to meet all initial eligibility requirements, maintain a “C” average or above, and remain in good standing at the institution.

The Lee County Supervisor of Elections must receive all applications by February 28, 2020. Letters of recommendation must accompany the application or be received by the deadline.

**Mail applications to the:  
Lee County Supervisor of Elections  
Tommy Doyle  
PO Box 2545  
Fort Myers FL 33902**

Each County's Supervisor will review all applications received and select one finalist to submit to the FSE Scholarship Committee, along with a written opinion of the applicant. The FSE Scholarship Committee will select three winners (\$1,200 each) from the finalists submitted from the Supervisors. A student who has received the scholarship award may make a second application of the following year.

"It has been a wonderful and longstanding tradition for the Florida Supervisors of Elections to award scholarships to worthy students from around the state," said current FSE President Tammy Jones of Levy County. "We are again excited to provide these opportunities that could lead to productive careers in the public service arena."

The three scholarships are in memory of former Supervisors of Elections Dorothy Ruggles of Pinellas County, Joe Oldmixon of Escambia County and Jimmy Whitehouse of Highlands County.

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Applicants must be registered voters in Florida who have lived in the state for at least the preceding two years and have maintained at least a “C” average. Applicants must have been accepted or enrolled as a full-time student in a senior college or university in Florida and completed two years of junior college or undergraduate work. Students who apply must be either a Political Science, Public/Business Administration, or Journalism/Mass Communication major.

For the full list of requirements and for more information applicants are encouraged to reach out to the Supervisor of Elections office from their county of residence.

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